

REMARKS

Status of Claims

Claims 1-14 are pending in the present application. No claims are being amended, canceled or added herein. Thus, a listing of the claims is not necessary.

Restriction

The Examiner has required restriction as follows:

Group I, claims 1-6 and 9-14, drawn to methods for controlling various microbial organisms, insects, etc., wherein at least one nitrogen-containing compound of formula (1) is utilized;

Group II, claims 1-5 and 7-14, drawn to methods for controlling various microbial organisms, insects, etc., wherein at least one nitrogen-containing compound of formula (13) is utilized;

Group III, claims 1-5 and 9-14, drawn to methods for controlling various microbial organisms, insects, etc., wherein at least one nitrogen-containing compound of formula (8) is utilized;

Group IV, claims 1-5 and 9-14, drawn to methods for controlling various microbial organisms, insects, etc., wherein at least one nitrogen-containing compound of formula (3) is utilized; and

Group V, claims 1-5 and 9-14, drawn to methods for controlling various microbial organisms, insects, etc., wherein at least one nitrogen-containing compound of formula (9) is utilized.

Applicants elect Group II, claims 1-5 and 7-14, drawn to methods utilizing at least one nitrogen-containing compound of formula (13).

Conclusion

A full and complete response has been made to all issues as cited in the Office Action. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance issue for the present case.

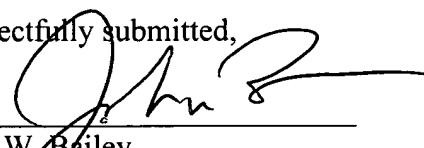
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Eugene T. Perez (Reg. No. 48,501) at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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